



*St. John's Lutheran*

# MESSENGER

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## President's Chapel

Dear Siblings in Christ,

July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021

Well, here we are into the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of 2021. Just a few weeks back, I heard grumblings about the cold spring and lack of rain. Now I'm hearing complaints about high humidity, temperature, and downpours. Sometimes I wonder if we all act like the grumbling Israelites in the Wilderness with Moses regarding the weather. So I offer you some advice... count your blessings and be grateful for what we have, and right now that's summertime. Oh, and without masks. How quickly we forget!

So we are weeks away from our Parkview-St Johns joint VBS from July 12-16, 6-8pm at Parkview United Methodist Church, 3713 Benner Rd, Miamisburg. Parkview United Methodist and St. John's Lutheran are joined together this year as we grow fruits of Joy, Peace, Kindness, Self-Control and Love with games, crafts, science, Bible stories, music, and snacks. Registration may be found on our website, [www.stjohnsmiamisburg.org](http://www.stjohnsmiamisburg.org). If you want to help, even if it is for one day, see Brook Nauta and I am confident she'll put you to work doing something fun and meaningful.

We continue to wish Pastor Joan well in her leave of absence as she addresses some personal back related issues. Please keep her in your prayers, and we'll hope the medical community can work together to grant her some much needed relief. We're thinking and praying for you Pastor.

I would also like to express my sincerest gratitude to Pastor Rogers Mtui who will be guiding our Congregation through most of July and August whilst Pastor Joan is on leave. Welcome to St. John's Pastor Mtui, and we are very glad you are with us in this time of transition.

Unfortunately, we have a sick....sanctuary air conditioner/heat pump. We'll be holding a brief 10-15 minute congregational meeting on Sunday July 18<sup>th</sup> immediately following service to approve the repair bill, as it is over the 3% threshold of our budget, so Congregational approval is required. Please come!

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We are going forward with our Shred and Bread day, but are postponing the event till this fall. The new tentative date is Saturday October 23<sup>rd</sup> and will be held in conjunction with the Grandma's attic event. This gives us more time to get publicity done. When we get closer to the event, we'll need a little help to empty cars of their shred material and place it in the shred dumpster, and we'll ask for any adult and youth volunteer to help collect either physical or financial donations for Helping Hands. Stay tuned for updates on this event.

Our new video camera system for the Sanctuary arrived in my home this week. I have assembled the pieces, and it all works as planned. I hope to install it at church in the next 1-2 weeks. This should improve the image on our ZOOM simulcast services, and make operating the zoom service a 1 person job. No more setting up/tearing down the camera every week! We hope to debut this system in July.

We have lots of people in and out of medical care lately, some just getting caught up on routine tests after the pandemic, and others truly suffering from various acute illnesses. Keep all our sick and recovering congregants and friends in your collective prayers. Lastly, please "play" safe this summer. Use Sun screen, seat belts, bicycle helmets, personal flotation devices, whatever is appropriate to make your fun vacation activities safe.

God's peace to all.

Brian Kent, President



The office will be closed on Monday, July 5<sup>th</sup>.

## MEET PASTOR MTUI

Rogers Mtui is originally from Tanzania where he graduated from Tumaini University with his Bachelors of Divinity and where he was ordained into the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania in 2008. Rogers served Kokirie Lutheran parish, Himo Lutheran parish and worked as the Christian education coordinator for his district until 2015. He then relocated to Beavercreek, Ohio with his wife Pastor Carey (serving at Peace Lutheran Church in Beavercreek) and two children Jeremiah (12 yrs.) and Nicolaus (10 yrs.). Rogers has continued to serve as a supply pastor in the Southern Ohio Synod Assembly ELCA since 2016. Rogers is currently working on his masters at Wright State University in International Comparative Politics.







Congratulations to  
Lexi Larsen on her first  
communion on  
June





## **DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN LISTEN TO SUNDAY'S SERVICE ON YOUR TELEPHONE?**

It's easy, at 9:50 on Sunday morning --  
dial: 1-312-626-6799  
meeting ID: 880 1708 9351  
passcode: 149911

And of course Simulcast Sunday Service is still available. Please use the following logon information for upcoming Zoom services.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88017089351?pwd=aEI5OWRyWGVYSHM0SFJ1cFRuOUZmdz09>

Meeting ID: 880 1708 9351  
Passcode: 149911

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## **WELCA NEEDS NEW BABY CLOTHES**

WELCA is currently in need of summer baby clothes for girls up to 18 months and boys winter clothes up to 18 months.

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## **FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT VBS**

Ready for some fun? Parkview United Methodist and St. John's Lutheran have joined together this year as we grow fruits of Joy, Peace, Kindness, Self-Control and Love with games, crafts, science, Bible stories, music, and snacks.

VBS will be July 12-16, 6-8pm at Parkview for preschool-elementary age kids.

Middle and high schoolers are invited to attend Youth Day on July 10, 9am-1pm at St. John's.

Please invite friends and register on the St. John's website.



## HAPPENINGS IN JULY

- July 5<sup>th</sup> – Office Closed for July 4<sup>th</sup>
- July 9<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 p.m. decorating the Church for the VBS Youth Retreat, all are invited to help decorate.
- July 10<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., VBS Youth Retreat @ St. John's
- July 11<sup>th</sup> @ 11:30 a.m., VBS Volunteer Meeting @ Parkview United Methodist Church
- July 12<sup>th</sup> thru July 16<sup>th</sup>, Vacation Bible School @ Parkview United Methodist Church, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- July 18<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 a.m. SonRise Breakfast @ 1<sup>st</sup> Lutheran Church in Dayton
- July 18<sup>th</sup>, after church, a brief congregation meeting

### Fudgesicles

- 1 (3 ½ oz.) package chocolate pudding
- ½ cup sugar
- 3 ½ cups milk

Prepare the pudding with the sugar and milk according to the package directions. Freeze in molds or paper cups and insert handles. Makes approximately 18.

**Variations:** These fudgesicles can be made with other flavors of pudding. You can also use instant pudding mixes instead of the cooked variety. Just omit the sugar with the instant pudding. The instant pudding ones aren't as creamy as the cooked ones.

*This recipe was submitted by Ida Geary from the "Kitchen Keepsakes from St. John's Family" cookbook that was published in 1998 by the Women of St. John's Lutheran Church.*



For the months of July and August, the office will be closed on Wednesdays.



### Budget Report for May 2021

Income for May 2021: \$10,464.82

#### Expenses for May 2021:

Outreach	\$250.00
Staff	\$3,689.77
Facility Upkeep/Administration	\$644.82
Property Insurance	\$0.00
Roof Loan Payment	\$270.75
Utilities	\$234.74
Committees	\$32.29

\$5,122.37

May Budget Balance (income - expenses): \$5,342.45

Year to Date Income: \$40,124.60

Year to Date Expenses: \$36,672.44

#### Description of categories:

**Outreach:** Benevolence, special benevolence.

**Staff:** Pastor's pay and expenses, staff salaries and benefits, FICA, worker's comp.

**Facility Upkeep/Administration:** Maintenance/repair and office expenses.

**Property Insurance:** paid once a year in April.

**Roof Loan:** Monthly payment for fellowship hall roof repair loan from endowment.

**Committees:** Discipleship, Learning, Worship & Music.

**Utilities:** Gas, electricity, water and trash services.



July 1  
Evan Bell  
July 12  
Emily Bell  
July 14  
Craig Naylor  
July 23  
Ruby Clark  
July 26  
Ron Bowell  
July 29  
Ann Nade

## Congregational Contacts

Pastor Joan Armstrong Interim Pastor 724-954-6717

#### Council Members

Brian Kent	*President
Don Pabst	*Vice President
Linda Kent	*Church Treasurer
Cathy Zimmer	*Secretary
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Garry Andrews	
Ida Geary	

#### \*Executive Committee

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Ida Geary	WELCA President	937-626-7765
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Brook Nauta	Children's Choir	513-217-0564/937-367-1473

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July 5  
Doug & Nancy McCabe  
July 21  
Everett & Ursula Morris



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